



The Weekly Bulletin

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Welcome Back!

It has been both a delight and a relief to have all of our children back in school this week. It was really wonderful to see so many happy, smiling faces from Reception to Year 5! Our new Reception children have settled in tremendously well and we look forward to having them full time in school from next week.

A huge thank you to all of our parents and carers for playing their part in our full reopening this week - being in the right place at the right time has made a massive difference to ensuring a smooth and safe start and finish to the day.

Over the summer, the staff have carefully planned a 'return curriculum' which focuses in on wellbeing and relationships. This will be in place for the first couple of weeks of the term and has meant that all classes have already enjoyed a packed few days full of outdoor activities, adventure and fun.

In line with government guidance and LA advice, we have already reviewed our full reopening risk assessment, which can be viewed on the school's website. The government has issued updated guidance for parents this week and this can be found at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

I have also today sent home to parents separate guidance regarding the school's Test and Trace process which I would encourage all parents to read thoroughly.

Thank you to all of you who have taken the time to give me your feedback this week following our return to school - I've really appreciated hearing the many positive comments and we have tried hard to accommodate any individual needs. If you have any questions or feedback regarding our full reopening arrangements please do contact us - your views are important and we will do what we can to offer reassurance about any aspect of our reopening planning.

Helen Ashe
Headteacher

Pick up & Drop Off Reminders

	Point of Drop off & pick up	Point of Entry to building	Time In	Time Out
Reception	Reception gate via green route	Reception Class door	9.00-9.30am (from 7/9/20) As per allocated class slot - see updated EYFS info (families with older siblings to drop other children off first via blue route)	2.45-3.00pm (from 8/9/20) (families with older siblings to pick up other children after Reception child via blue route)
Year 1	Main playground via blue route	Playground doors	9.00-9.10am	2.50-3.00pm
Year 2	Courtyard door via blue route	Courtyard door to classroom	9.00-9.10am	3.00-3.10pm
Year 3	Main playground via blue route	Playground doors	8.50-9.00am	3.00-3.10pm
Year 4	Main playground via blue route	New building door	8.40-8.50am	3.10-3.20pm
Year 5	Main playground via blue route	New building door	8.40-8.50am	3.10-3.20pm

A few points to make our arrangements run even more smoothly and safely next week.....

- **Year 1 drop off timings from Monday of next week to be brought forward to 9.00 - 9.10am.**
- Please try to adhere to social distancing guidelines when waiting outside of the school site at the start and end of the day.
- Try not to arrive before your child/children's allocated time slot as this is helpful in reducing the number of people waiting to come onto the school site and any congestions outside of school.
- Please wait on the grassed area outside school to allow pedestrians and other families to still use the pavement.

Thank you for your continued patience and support as we adjust to our new timings and whilst the maintenance/building work around the school site is completed.

Barrow Extra Update

We have been really pleased to bring our Barrow Extra before and after school provision back into action this week!



We are delighted to have a new member of staff on board with us this year. Becki McLachlan has joined us from Westgate Primary School



as our new Barrow Extra Co-ordinator. Becki will be overseeing both morning and afternoon sessions and has already had a really positive impact on both the team and the provision. We're really excited to see how Barrow Extra develops in the coming months!

The Playground

A huge thank you to Nick Smith and the team at The Playground in Barrow for supporting our return to school this week. They provided an amazing day of fun and adventure for all of our Key Stage 2 classes on Thursday for FREE. We are so grateful for this local support and the children certainly benefited from the confidence and team building nature of the sessions.



Further information about The Playground and how sessions can be booked at <https://www.theplaygrounduk.com/>



Whole School Notices

- **School Lunches** - Charlotte, our wonderful head of kitchen, has worked hard to bring in a hot and cold option for lunchtime from next week. Disposable containers with hot food will be delivered to classrooms alongside a pix and mix option. Look out for the new menus on ParentMail.
- **Hand sanitiser** - we have lots of hand sanitiser in both classrooms and around the school. The children do not need to bring in any their own supplies. Please leave individual bottles at home and encourage/remind you child to use the gel provided in school. Thank you.
- **Data sheets** - the office will be issuing new data sheets for parent to complete and return in the coming days. Please look out for these and send them back into school as quickly as possible so that we can update our records. This is a safeguarding requirement and so speedy responses would be very much appreciated.
- **Swimming** - swimming lessons in school time will resume after half term when staff have been able to refresh their safety certificates - this training was cancelled over the Summer Term.
- **Wet play donations** - we would be really grateful to have any unused games and toys in school to boost our wet play cupboards! Any donations would be really welcome.
- **Google Classroom** - please keep any eye out for class updates in each year group's stream. The staff have been sharing photos and news from our return to school activities.

New Building Update

We have been thrilled to have our new building up and running this week for Years 4 and 5. Whilst there are still a few jobs to finish, both inside and out, we are delighted with this new million pound addition to our school site. When all of the works have been completed, Miss Burchell and Mr Keefe will look at ways to safely allow parents to look around. Watch this space.....!

